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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-7 and 9-15 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 2-6 and 10-15 were amended and claim 8 cancelled with traverse for reasons unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more elements implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim, to detect infringement more easily, to enlarge the scope of infringement, to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.), to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest, to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments, to enlarge the royalty base of the claim, to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace, and/or to target the claim to a particular industry.

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 are now pending in this application and Applicants respectfully believe that the patent application can be allowed and is ready to issue.

I. Claim Rejections 35 USC Section 112

Claims 2-6 and 10-15 are rejected under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As indicated, dependent claims 2-6 and 10-14 were inadvertently drafted to depend upon incorrect independent claims. As amended, claims 2-6 and 10-14 depend upon correct intended independent claims.

It was indicated that in claim 15, "said second spring" did not have antecedent basis. As amended, this inadvertent error was appropriately corrected.

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II. Claim Rejection – 35 USC Section 102

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor. In order to expedite prosecution, and for no reason related to patentability Applicant has cancelled claim 8 with traverse.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to **Deposit Account No. 19-2179**. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 732 321-3113 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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